

Jeremiah 2:8

The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' And those who handle the law did not know Me; The rulers also transgressed against Me; The prophets prophesied by Baal, And walked after things that do not profit.

You have heard the term, “*Get off your butt and do something.*”

Yet how many are so busy doing something, wasting time, running around like a head with it's chicken cut off (lol) that they don't know the meaning of rest, or even taking a breather?

For those of you like this I will say the opposite, “*You need to get on your butt and do nothing.*” We get so busy with life and things of this life that we become so busy that we have others do those things for us that we should be doing.

I don't have time for the kids right now, I'll teach them to stay busy with wasteful things like watching TV or playing video games so that when they grow up and become busy like me they too can teach their kids to do useless busy things too.

I'm too busy to go shopping so I'll order online and pick it up on my way home from my busyness.

I don't have time to read the bible and spend time with God, so I'll get an app that will read it to me. That would be like saying you don't have time for your spouse, so you will have someone else record a message for them from you but never spend time with him or her.

For those of you, you need to get on your butt and sit with God and spend time with Him in His word, reading and studying it so that you can live it. I'm sure He misses you and would really like that quite time with you.

You may be thinking right now, “*Really, I can barely make it through one of these five-minute devotionals and you want me to do what, stop my busyness and read the bible? I laugh in your face. If God only knew how busy I am and what's it's like to be busy every day.*”

Funny you should mention that, because He does.

† ***Mark 1:32-37 At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him. Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."***

† **Mark 6:30-32** *Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.*

If anyone knew busy it was Jesus. Jesus also knew what to do in times of busyness: *And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."*

Anyone and everyone wanted Jesus for one thing or another. Some to be healed and some (like the Pharisees) to argue with Him. But Jesus' days were full. But His busy was a good busy and even in His busyness, Jesus took time to get away and spend time with the Father, or minister to someone who was in need.

† **Mark 5:25-34** *Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Him, "You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, Who touched Me?'" And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."*

Jesus was on His way to raise a child from the dead, but in this busyness, He still stopped to heal a woman in need.

So, if you are too busy to spend time with Jesus, you have a new god, and it's name is Busy.

† **Jonah 2:8 (NLT2)** *Those who worship false gods turn their backs on all God's mercies.*

† **Psalm 116:7 (NLT2)** *Let my soul be at rest again, for the LORD has been good to me.*

† **Matthew 11:28 (MSG)** *"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest."*